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SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational
SPECIFIC Florencio AVILA

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1. There is attached translation of a report on the interview of Florencio AVILA and CALLIGERIS and the plan presented by AVILA.

2. LINCOLN files have no previous record of AVILA.

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Enclosure: 3-page translation

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Translation

SUBJECT: Florencio AVILA, Mexican resident of New York, delegate of the Anti-communist Front of Mexico in the United States, who arrived today and proposed unification of anti-communist groups of Guatemala

This individual came today and telephoned CALLIGERIS, requesting an interview. In their conversation, he reported that, after having been in Mexico ten days and conversed with Col. Arturo RAMIREZ and the newspaperman Jose CALDERON Salazar, he traveled to Guatemala, where he remained a month, protected by journalist credentials. With these credentials he was able to interview several high functionaries of the Arbenz Government and certain individuals of the opposition, sounding out public opinion. Later he went to El Salvador, where he talked with YDIGORAS Fuentes and afterward drew up the enclosed plan, which he delivered to CALLIGERIS.

CALLIGERIS thinks this plan was drawn up by YDIGORAS since it contains the same basic points that YDIGORAS has tried to impose upon CALLIGERIS on other occasions, which therefore must be discarded. But CALLIGERIS is very much interested in the Council's opinion of the worth of Florencio AVILA, who is almost unknown to him.

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Translation

Enclosure: Plan Presented by AVILA

Several powerful private international anti-communist institutions are desirous of assisting efficaciously in rooting out communism in the Americas, especially in Guatemala.

Those institutions, in order to give effective aid in arms and money, need to examine the efforts of the Guatemalan anti-communist emigrants who are in Mexico, El Salvador, and Honduras.

For this, it is necessary that, under the coordinating action of the Secretary of Public Relations of the Popular Anti-communist Front of Mexico, invested with the fullest powers of his organization as United States Representative, Mr. Florencio^AAVILA, an agreement or protocol be signed among the three above-mentioned groups of political emigrants whereby they will be unified over a common denominator (their antagonism to communist penetration), now ruling in Guatemala, under the following bases:

1. The three groups revolving around the directors - Col. Carlos CASTILLO Armas in Honduras, General Miguel^XYDIGORAS Fuentes in El Salvador, and Col. Arturo RAMIREZ in Mexico - appoint a representative to approve the protocol to be sent to them from the United States through Mr. AVILA.
2. By the same means they will notify the International Headquarters of their appointment of their representatives and their acceptance of the protocol.
3. The delegates of the three groups will meet in New York at the propitious time (not later than next April), and at this meeting additional protocols will be signed for the designation of a First Chief, a Second Chief, and a Third Chief, and for the headquarters of this command group.
4. This command group will direct all the military and political activities, and all the emigrants must respect the decisions and orders issued by said command.
5. The command group will formulate a combined plan of military and political operations and will solicit from the institutions all necessary^{arms} and money to put into immediate practice the plan of action for the overthrow of the Arbenz regime. Before the plan is put into practice and the attack made, additional protocols must be signed to guarantee the structure and

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approval of an electoral law for holding elections guaranteeing respect for the vote, which could be held under the vigilance of some international organization.

6. The command group will become a Provisional Junta of Government, whose activities will not extend beyond 180 days, when elections for the presidency of the republic must be held.
7. Reforms in the constitution and the oppressive laws drawn up and promulgated by the present communist regime will be the first function of the new constitutional government in accordance with the protocols signed today.

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